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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE THE REALLOCATION OF EXCESS FUNDS
BETWEEN THE THIRD AND FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
ALLOCATE COMPETITIVE AND SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
APPROVE THE ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE OF SPECIFIED FUNDS
UNDER THE 1996 SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS FOR
THE FOURTH DISTRICT TRAILS PROGRAM
(THIRD AND FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

These actions will approve the transfer of Competitive and Specified Excess Funds between the Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts, and will allocate \$5,617,869.72 in Competitive Excess Funds and \$1,029,585.28 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, and reallocate \$575,000.00 in Specified Funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for a total of \$7,222,455.00 for grants to various recipients for trails projects.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed trails projects for the grantees listed below are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the projects.
2. Approve reallocation of Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 Excess Funds between the

Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts, transferring \$1,448,580.20 from the Third Supervisorial District in the competitive category to the Fourth Supervisorial District, and \$1,448,580.20 from the Fourth Supervisorial District in the specified category to the Third Supervisorial District.

3. Allocate \$5,617,869.72 of Competitive Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for trails grants as follows:

- a. Camp Fire Long Beach Area Council - \$300,000
- b. City of Artesia - \$300,000
- c. City of Avalon - \$299,700
- d. City of Bellflower - \$203,900
- e. City of Cerritos - \$220,000
- f. City of Diamond Bar - \$300,000
- g. City of Downey - \$600,000
- h. City of Lakewood - \$218,380
- i. City of Long Beach - \$470,414.72
- j. City of Manhattan Beach - \$297,825
- k. City of Palos Verdes Estates - \$75,000
- l. City of Paramount - \$300,000
- m. City of Rancho Palos Verdes - \$300,000
- n. City of Rolling Hill Estates - \$249,800
- o. City of Signal Hill - \$109,000
- p. City of Whittier - \$300,000
- q. County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation - \$153,000
- r. County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works - \$135,000
- s. Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority - \$105,600
- t. Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy - \$80,250
- u. Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority - \$600,000

4. Allocate \$1,029,585.28 of Specified Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for trails grants as follows:

- a. City of Long Beach - \$429,585.28
- b. County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation - \$300,000
- c. Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority - \$300,000

5. Approve the alternative plan for expenditure to reallocate \$575,000 from Section (3), Subsection (b), and Paragraph (14) of the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for trail grants to the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority, which is the designated recipient of said funds, will assign its right to apply for the funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

6. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants to the various grantees, in the total amount of \$7,222,455 for their trails grant projects, when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In recognition of the differences in park funding priorities between areas included within the Los

Angeles County Supervisorial Districts, it is recommended that Excess Funds in the amount of \$1,448,580.20 previously allocated to the Third Supervisorial District in the competitive category be transferred to the Fourth Supervisorial District, and that Excess Funds in the amount of \$1,448,580.20 previously allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District in the specified category be transferred to the Third Supervisorial District. At a later date, the Specified Excess Funds transferred to the Third Supervisorial District will be recommended to the Board for allocation and award to one or more eligible regionally significant projects, pursuant to the requirements of the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition).

With the recommended reallocation, the Fourth Supervisorial District will have a total of \$5,617,869.72 available in the competitive category for the trails grant program.

As such, approval of the recommended actions will also allocate \$5,617,869.72 in Competitive Excess Funds, \$1,029,585.28 in Specified Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), and \$575,000.00 in Specified Funds from 1996 Proposition for various trails projects as follows:

Competitive Excess Funds

- \$300,000 to Camp Fire Long Beach Area Council for its Urban Forest at Camp Shiwaka Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Artesia for its Historic District Recreation Area Project;
- \$299,700 to the City of Avalon for its Avalon Canyon Fit Trail Project;
- \$203,900 to the City of Bellflower for its Trail Development at H. Byrum Zinn Park Project;
- \$220,000 to the City of Cerritos for its Installation of Citywide Bike Paths Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Diamond Bar for its Grand View Trail and Link Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Downey for its Apollo Park Walking Trail Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Downey for its Furman Park Walking/Jogging Trail Project;
- \$218,380 to the City of Lakewood for its West San Gabriel River Parkway Improvement Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Long Beach for its Red Car Greenway Project;
- \$170,414.72 to the City of Long Beach for its Wrigley Greenbelt Trail Project;
- \$297,825 to the City of Manhattan Beach for its Manhattan Beach Veterans Parkway Project;
- \$75,000 to the City of Palos Verdes Estates for its Paseo Del Sol Turnaround Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Paramount for its All American Park, Progress Park, and Paramount Park Improvements Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes for its Sunny Ridge Trail Segment Improvement Project;
- \$249,800 to the City of Rolling Hill Estates for its Ernie Howlett Park Perimeter Pathway Project;
- \$109,000 to the City of Signal Hill for its Trail Renovations Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Whittier for its Greenway Trail East Extension-Development Project;
- \$153,000 to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation for its South Coast Botanic Garden Trail Improvement Project;
- \$135,000 to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works for its Dockweiler RV Park Bicycle Path Bypass Project;
- \$105,600 to Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority for its Zedler Marsh Urban Trails System Project;
- \$80,250 to Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy for its Connecting the Community to Nature Project;
- \$300,000 to Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority for its Puente Hills Preserve Trails Improvements Project; and
- \$300,000 to Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority for its Puente Hills Preserve Hellman Park Trailhead Improvements Project.

Specified Excess Funds

- \$300,000 to the City of Long Beach for its Drake/Chavez Greenway Trail Project;
- \$129,585.28 to the City of Long Beach for its Wrigley Greenbelt Trail Project;
- \$300,000 to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation for its SD4 West Trail Mapping and Signage Project; and
- \$300,000 to Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority for its Ballona Creek Regional Gateway Project.

1996 Proposition Specified Funds

Approval of the alternative plan for expenditure of Specified Funds under Section 3, Subsection (b), Paragraph (14) of the 1996 Proposition will reallocate the funds to the projects listed below. Grants will be awarded after Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority assigns the right to apply to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

- \$275,000 to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation for its Peter F. Schabarum Trail Improvements Project; and
- \$300,000 to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation for its SD4 East Trail Mapping and Signage Project.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) be authorized to award the grants to the various grantees when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable, and to administer the grants pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by your Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting activities through various trails improvement and development projects in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants, in the amount of \$7,222,455, is budgeted in the Fourth Supervisorial District's portion of Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6 and Assessment Fund, HB4.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The various grantees meet this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Fund grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for competitively-awarded projects and specified projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director would be authorized to award grants to the various grantees when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e) of the 1996 Proposition, an alternative plan for expenditure must be submitted and approved to commit the funds allocated to specified projects between June 30, 2003 and June 30, 2004. As of July 1, 2004, uncommitted Specified Project funds are subject to allocation to other projects by your Board.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide for governing the administration of District grants. The Procedural Guide will also appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The cities of Artesia, Avalon, Bellflower, Cerritos, Diamond Bar, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Paramount, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Signal Hill, and Whittier are the lead agencies for their respective trail improvements projects. The RPOSD is the lead agency for the projects by Camp Fire Long Beach Area Council and Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. The Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority is the lead agency for the Ballona Creek Regional Gateway Project. Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority is the lead agency for the Puente Hills Preserve Trails Improvements and Hellman Park Trailhead Improvements. The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority is the lead agency for the Zedler Marsh Urban Trails System Project.

The Camp Fire Long Beach Area Council's proposed Urban Forest at Camp Shiwaka is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of development of a five- acre site will include an accessible decomposed granite trail six feet in width by three-quarter miles long, native shrubs, sycamore and oak groves, and pathways to Magic Circles with group seating, fitness stations, and 18 campsites with fire rings, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities, minor alterations in the condition of land, and new landscaping.

The City of Artesia's proposed Historic District Recreation Area is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of removal of track and gravel, and installation of a bike path, pedestrian trail, security lighting, irrigation, landscaping, and amenities including benches, fountains and trash receptacles, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities, minor alterations in the condition, of land and new landscaping.

The City of Avalon's proposed Avalon Canyon Fit Trail is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of site preparation, and purchase and installation of fit trail equipment, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the

environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The City of Bellflower's proposed Trail Development at H. Byrum Zinn Park is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of installation of a decomposed granite trail five feet in width by 1,970 feet in length, six rest areas equipped with benches and trash receptacles, relocation of existing irrigation and electric service, construction of an entry monument sign, and creation of access for persons with disabilities, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The City of Cerritos' proposed Installation of Citywide Bike Paths Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of installation of Class II/III Bike Lanes on arterial roads to connect to the existing bike paths within the City of Cerritos' boundaries and adjacent cities, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 (x)(24) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of bike lanes within existing developed road right-of-way.

The City of Diamond Bar's proposed Grand View Trail and Link is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of the installation of a hard pan trail four to six feet in width with switch backs and stairs with railings, where needed, and lodge pole fencing to encourage hikers to stay on the trail, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The City of Downey's proposed Apollo Park Walking Trail Project and Furman Park Walking/Jogging Trail Project are categorically exempt from CEQA. The projects, which consist of construction of approximately 13,600 feet of decomposed granite trail around the Apollo Park perimeter, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant crosswalk, fitness equipment, landscaping, solar powered trail lighting, distance markers, way-finding signs; installation of approximately one and a half miles of decomposed granite trail at Furman Park; and construction of outdoor and stationary fitness equipment and signage to assist with Healthy Downey Initiatives, are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the projects involve construction of small new facilities, minor alterations in the condition of land, and new landscaping.

The City of Lakewood's proposed West San Gabriel River Parkway Improvement Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of installation of fencing bordering the river, planting of new trees, development of 1,300 square feet of property at the Candlewood egress,

relocation of riverside fencing 15 feet closer to the river, installation of five monument signs and 15 "Stay on the Trail" signs, construction of handicapped and public parking at the east end of Candlewood Street, and installation of a security camera system at the southern entrance to Phase 3, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities, minor alterations in the condition of land, and new landscaping.

The City of Long Beach's proposed Drake/Chavez Greenway Trail, Red Car Greenway, and Wrigley Greenbelt Trail Projects are categorically exempt from CEQA. The projects, which consist of development a concrete multi-use trail; a decomposed granite multi-use with a trailhead; and a 5,000 foot decomposed granite multi-use trail with landscaping and trail amenities are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the projects involve construction of small new facilities, minor alterations in the condition of land, and new landscaping.

The City of Manhattan Beach's proposed Manhattan Beach Veterans Parkway Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of construction of access points to Veterans Parkway; purchase and placement of boulders and safety walls to create landscape features and seating areas; purchase and installation of shade trees along the trail; and installation of signage, boulders, and native plants to the Gateway section of Veterans Parkway, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities, minor alterations in the condition of land, and new landscaping.

The City of Palos Verdes Estates' proposed Paseo Del Sol Turnaround Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of construction of walls and asphalt to create a turnaround for vehicles at the beginning of a fire road often used for hiking and biking, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The City of Paramount's proposed All American Park, Progress Park, and Paramount Park Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of installation of 13 pieces of outdoor fitness equipment and construction of a full size basketball court with a pole lighting system at All American Park; installation of 12 pieces of outdoor fitness equipment at Paramount Park; and construction of a 453 linear foot decomposed granite walking trail that will link to disconnected existing paths to form a half mile long walking trail at Progress Park, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes' proposed Sunnyside Ridge Trail Segment Improvement Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of development of a trail by construction of a retaining wall at the entrance, installation of screening elements along the two adjacent properties, placement of decomposed granite at the entrance portion of the trail, installation of railroad ties along the trails switch-backs, creation of turnaround areas, and construction of a bridge over the ravine at the bottom of the canyon, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities or structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The City of Rolling Hill Estates' proposed Ernie Howlett Park Perimeter Pathway Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of renovation of a pathway footing and concrete storm drain v-ditch, and installation of new trail fitness equipment, three-rail fencing, and signage, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d) and 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c) and 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration of deteriorated or damages structures and construction of small new structures.

The City of Signal Hill's proposed Trail Renovations Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of repair and/or reconstruction of public trails within the Bixby Ridge Homeowners Association, replacement of damaged or missing bender boards, repair of trails as needed, reconstruction of slope areas, and installation of stabilization binder to improve resistance to future erosion; as well as reconstruction of a trail connector with an AC surface, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d)(f) and 15302(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c)(i) and 2(e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration of deteriorated or damaged structures, addition of safety devices for use in conjunction with existing structures, and replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities that involve negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The City of Whittier's proposed Greenway Trail East Extension Acquisition and Development Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of acquisition of a perpetual easement along an active rail line for future development of off-road bicycle and pedestrian trail to close gap in bikeway networks between Los Angeles and Orange Counties, and development of mixed-use bicycle/pedestrian paved trail with landscaping, security fencing, and trailhead parking lot to connect existing Greenway Trail with homes, schools, and parks east of Mills Avenue, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e), 15304(a)(b), and 15325(f) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b), 4(a)(c), and 25 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities, minor alterations in the condition of land, new landscaping, and acquisition of land to preserved open space or lands for park purposes.

The County Department of Parks and Recreation's proposed Peter F. Schabarum Trail Improvement Project, SD4 East Trail Mapping and Signage Project, SD4 West Trail Mapping and Signage Project, and South Coast Botanic Garden Trail Improvement Project are categorically exempt from CEQA. The projects, which consist of installation of approximately 4,000 linear feet of lodge pole fencing, and a retaining wall to prevent erosion and support amenities such as picnic tables, water troughs

and landscaping; trails assessment of types and locations of signage along approximately 30 miles of trails; fabrication and installation of signs and markers; and development of an observation trailhead, an Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible trail, and the refurbishment of an existing trail as well as installation of way-finding signage, re-vegetation, and an information kiosk, are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d), 15303(e), 15304(a)(b), and 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c), 3(b), 4(a)(c), and 6(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the projects involve maintenance of existing facilities, construction of small new facilities, minor alterations in the condition of land, new landscaping, and information collection.

The County Department of Public Works' proposed Dockweiler RV Park Bicycle Path Bypass Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of installation of a bike trail connector, and installation of way-finding and guidance signage in the project vicinity, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority's proposed Zedler Marsh Urban Trails System Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of development of a new trail system, installation of interpretive signage and associated landscaping with California native plants, removal of trash and debris, fencing and gate improvements, non-native plant control, installation of temporary irrigation, improvements to native plant nursery, development of an outdoor laboratory and classroom, and enhancement of site safety and security, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301, 15303(e), and 15304(a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1, 3(b), and 4(a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities, construction of small new facilities, minor alterations in the condition of land, and new landscaping.

The Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority's proposed Ballona Creek Regional Gateway Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of construction of a decorative gateway, upgraded fencing, interpretive display, trail connection, and pedestrian gate as well as pedestrian path, seating, signage, and bike racks, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's proposed Connecting the Community to Nature Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of installation of way-finding features, kiosks, trail signage, trail markers, trail map brochures, and native plants, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new structures and new landscaping.

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority's proposed Puente Hills Preserve Trails Improvements Project and Hellman Park Trailhead Improvements Project are categorically exempt from CEQA. The projects, which consist of removal of retaining posts and poles, re-routing of trail, trail rehabilitation, habitat restoration, installation of an eight-foot high tubular steel fence and associated gates, site preparation, installation of fencing 1,500 feet by eight feet in height at Hellman Park, and purchase and installation of turnstile and gates, are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d)(h)(I), 15303(e), and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c)(h)(j), 3(b), and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the projects involve rehabilitation of existing facilities, maintenance of existing landscaping, removal of individual small structures, construction of small new facilities, and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The proposed projects above include no expansion of an existing use, meaning structures replaced will be located on the same site as existing structures and will have the same purpose and capacity, and the proposed projects will not involve the removal of healthy, mature or scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed projects are not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed projects records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Project Agreements have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will promote healthy activities through trails development in public spaces in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,



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